

**MS-492, William H. Wild Papers**

**Collection Number:** MS-492

**Title:** William H. Wild Papers

**Dates:** 1942-2013

**Creator:** Wild, William H.

**Summary/Abstract:**

This collection contains the papers of William (Bill) H. Wild, a columnist and editor for numerous newspapers throughout his career, most notably as the editorial page editor of the *Journal Herald* in Dayton and associate editor for the *Dayton Daily News*. This collection includes many newspaper clippings, columns, speeches and materials, correspondence, photographs and other small projects that details Wild's work throughout his career.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 2.25 linear feet

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092.

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**Preferred Citation:**

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**Acquisition:**

Donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by William H. Wild, June 20, 2014.

**Alternative Form Available:** Files of William Wild's columns from 2011-2013 for the *Kettering-Oakwood Times* are in electronic format (ms492\_e0001), in addition to the paper copies in the collection.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

Electronic files of William Wild's *Kettering-Oakwood Times* columns from 2011-2013 are preserved in the E-Archives (ms492\_e0001), in addition to the paper copies in the collection.

**Related Material:** MS-458 Dayton Daily News Archives

([http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection\\_guides/guide\\_files/ms458.pdf](http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms458.pdf))

**Processed by:** Adam Becker, November 2014.

**Arrangement:**

William H. Wild Papers are arranged into two series:

Series I: Publications, 1942-2013

Series II: Related Materials, 1959-2007

**Biographical Note:**

William (Bill) H. Wild was born May 12, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois but moved to Rutland, Vermont at an early age. Wild received his undergraduate degree in political science from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he was the editor-in-chief of Antioch College Community Publications for a year. In 1954, he became a reporter and photographer for the Parkersburg Sentinel in Parkersburg, West Virginia. In 1956, Wild took the job as reporter and columnist, later the city editor, for the *Herald-Dispatch*, and occasionally its sister newspaper, the *Herald-Advertiser* in Huntington, West Virginia. In 1969, he took the positions of assistant city editor, Action Line editor and newspapers ombudsman for *The Journal Herald* in Dayton, Ohio. In 1977, Wild became the editorial page editor of the *Journal Herald* and then the associate editor and the opinion page columnist for the *Dayton Daily News*, when the two newspapers merged in 1986. In 1990, he became a free-lance columnist, consultant and TV political analyst working with stations like WDTN in Dayton, Ohio. Wild wrote for the *Kettering-Oakwood Times* in the early 1990s and then again from 2011-2013. From 2000-2008 he wrote for the *Christian Citizen USA*.

William Wild is a member of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church which aided the acclimation of Zaire refugees into the United States in 1992. He was also a member of the Foreign Exchange Club and Dayton Executive Club serving as president for both clubs. He is also active in the Dayton Council on World Affairs, for which he wrote a book for the organization's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007 titled, *Seeking peace through understanding : the Dayton Council on World Affairs : a 60-year history*.

**Scope and Content:**

The collections documents William H. Wild's work as a columnist and editor of various newspapers throughout his career. This collection includes many newspaper clippings, columns, speeches and materials, correspondence, photographs and other small projects that details his work. The collection is divided into two series.

Series I, Publications, includes newspaper clippings and columns, speeches and other various projects Wild worked on throughout his career. The series is organized by newspaper companies

and by year. The speeches and additional projects were left in original order and organized by year. Additionally, *The East Street Borer*, was a paper written by Wild for his family detailing life surrounding him.

Series II, Related Materials, includes correspondence, photographs, audio material, resumes, and other various material related to Wild's career. This series is broken into three different sections and organized by year.

## **Subject Terms**

### **Persons/Families**

Wild, William H.

### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

Centerville-Washington Township times (Centerville, Ohio)

Christian Citizen USA

Dayton daily news (Dayton, Ohio : 1987)

Herald Dispatch (Huntington, W. Va.)

Kettering-Oakwood times (Kettering, Ohio)

Journal herald (Dayton, Ohio)

Parkersburg sentinel (Parkersburg, W. Va.)

### **Places**

Parkersburg (W. Va.) -- Newspapers

Huntington (W. Va.) -- Newspapers

Dayton (Ohio) -- Newspapers

Kettering (Ohio) -- Newspapers

Oakwood (Ohio) -- Newspapers

### **Subjects (General)**

Newspapers -- 20<sup>th</sup> century

Newspapers -- 21<sup>st</sup> century

### **Material Types**

Correspondence

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

Newspapers--Sections, columns, etc.

Photographs

Speeches

### **Occupations**

Columnist

Editor

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Publications- 1942-2013

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Newspapers Clippings and Columns</b>			
1	1	The East Street Borer- Rutland, Vermont	1942-1943
	2	Parkersburg Sentinel	1955-1956, Undated
	3	Herald Advertiser	1958-1961
	4	Herald Dispatch (Huntington, W. Va)	1957-1959
	5	Herald Dispatch (Huntington, W. Va)	1960
	6	Herald Dispatch (Huntington, W. Va)	1961-1962
	7	Herald Dispatch (Huntington, W. Va)	1964-1965
	8	Herald Dispatch (Huntington, W. Va)	1966
	9	Herald Dispatch (Huntington, W. Va)	1967
	10	Herald Dispatch (Huntington, W. Va)	1968
	11	Herald Dispatch (Huntington, W. Va)	Undated
	12	The Journal Herald (Dayton, Ohio)	1972-1986, Undated
	13	Dayton Daily News	1984-1986
	14	Dayton Daily News	1987 Jan.-Jun.
	15	Dayton Daily News	1987 Jul.-Dec.
	16	Dayton Daily News	1988
	17	Dayton Daily News	1989 Jan.-Jun.
	18	Dayton Daily News	1989 Jul.-Dec.
	19	Dayton Daily News	1990, 2004, Undated
2	1	Christian Citizen USA	2000-2001
	2	Christian Citizen USA	2002-2003
	3	Christian Citizen USA	2004-2005
	4	Christian Citizen USA	2006-2008
	5	Kettering-Oakwood Times- Common Sense Commentary	1990-1991 Apr.
	6	Kettering-Oakwood Times- Common Sense Commentary	1991 May- 1992
	7	Kettering-Oakwood Times (see also ms492_e0001 for electronic files)	2011, 2012 Jan.-Jun
	8	Kettering-Oakwood Times (see also ms492_e0001 for electronic files)	2012 Jul.-Dec.
	9	Kettering-Oakwood Times (see also ms492_e0001 for electronic files)	2013
	10	Centerville-Washington Township Times	2011 Dec., 2012 Jan.
<b>Speeches and Materials</b>			
3	1	Speeches & Materials	1971-1990

3	2	Speeches & Materials	1974-1997
	3	Energy Speeches & Materials	1977-1990
	4	Speeches & Materials	1988-2004
<b>Additional Publications</b>			
	6	West Germany Visit	1961
	7	General Motors Project	1968-2008
	8	General Motors Project	1976-1989
4	1	Dayton Daily News & Journal Herald merger	1981-1986
	2	TV Commentaries- WDTN	1990 Oct.-Dec.
	3	Shroyer Road Baptist Church- Zaire Refugees Project	1992-1994
	4	"The Republican" Miami Valley Republican Club- Vol. XVI No. 12	2002 Dec.
	5	Antioch College	Undated

**Series II: Related Materials-1959-2007**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Correspondence</b>			
4	6	Correspondence	1959-2007, Undated
<b>Audio Visual</b>			
4	7	Photographs- Herald Dispatch	1960's
	8	Various Photographs	Undated
	9	"The Media- Challenge & Potential"- William Wild- Cassette Tape	1992
<b>Oversized Location 59 File 2</b>			
		Photograph: Air War College National Security College	1985 May 12-17
<b>Other Materials</b>			
4	10	Raleigh Register	1963 Nov. 7
	11	Certificates	1971-2004
	12	Xenia Tornado (Book)	1974
	13	Teamster Strike collage	1976
5	1	Robert H. Bork- material and correspondence	1989-1990
	2	Dayton Executive Club papers	1991-1994
	3	Rutland Herald	1992 Oct. 24
	4	Resumes	Undated